

**May 21, 2020 6:00 P.M.**

**JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WORK SESSION- BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**JONES COUNTY AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, 110 MARKET STREET**

**TRENTON, NC 28585**

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Frank Emory, Chairman  
Charlie Dunn Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner  
James Harper, Commissioner  
April Aycock, Commissioner  
Charlie Gray, Commissioner  
Mike Haddock, Commissioner

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Franky J. Howard, County Manager  
Brenda Reece, Finance Officer  
Angelica Hall, Clerk  
Amanda Meadows, Asst. Finance Officer

Chairman Frank Emory opened the meeting and turned the meeting over to Mr. Franky Howard, County Manager, to continue the budget review. Mr. Howard provided updates to the Board that were requested during the previous budget meeting.

The following items were discussed:

- Emergency Services
- Emergency Management
- Mosquito/Vector Control
- Solid Waste
- State Forestry
- Economic Development
- Extension Office
- Soil and Water Conservation
- Health Department
- Social Services
- Recreation
- Juvenile Justice
- Arts Council
- Civic Center
- Water Enterprise

**Commissioner Comments**

Chairman Emory

- No COLA
- 1 to 2 cent decrease in tax rate

Commissioner Harper

- Reduce tax rate by 1 cent
- No COLA

Commissioner Ipock-Riggs

- Cut COLA
- Cut budget by 1 cent

Commissioner Gray

- Reduce tax rate by 1 cent
- No COLA

Commissioner Dunn

- Reduce tax rate by 1 cent
- Approve COLA

Commissioner Aycock

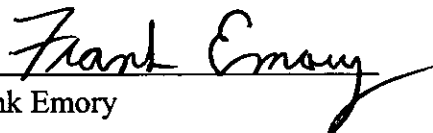
- Decrease tax rate
- Do something for the employees even if you reduce the amount of the COLA

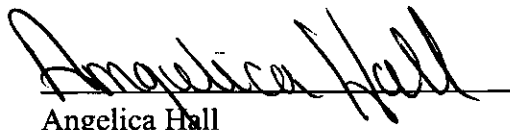
Commissioner Haddock

- Lower tax rate 1 cent
- Approve 2.5% COLA

There was more discussion by the Board and the final request to the Manager is to review the budget and find a way to reduce the tax rate to 78 cents with no COLA for the employees.

**MOTION** made by Charlie Gray, seconded by James Harper and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be **ADJOURNED** at 8:30 p.m.

  
Frank Emory  
Chairman

  
Angelica Hall  
Clerk to the Board